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REF: TEL AVIV 7192 (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO FONMIN EBAN'S REQUEST, PARA 2 REFTEL, EMBASSY SHOULD ASSURE EBAN THAT OPENING OF PLO OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN IS MATTER OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO US SINCE SECURITY OF BERLIN IS FOUR POWER RESPONSIBILITY. ALLIED,
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WEST BERLIN AND FRG AUTHORITIES HAVE LONG BEEN AWARE OF

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POTENTIAL ARAB THREAT IN WESTERN SECTORS BECAUSE OF RELATIVE EASE OF ACCESS FROM EAST BERLIN AND GDR. WHILE WESTERN LEGAL POSITION OF OPEN CITY PRECLUDES POSSIBILITY OF INSTITUTING CLOSE CHECK OF TRAVELERS, WEST BERLIN POLICE HAVE BEEN MONITORING VARIOUS ACCESS ROUTES TO DETERMINE WHETHER POSSIBLE TERRORISTS ENTERING WESTERN SECTORS.

2. YOU MAY ALSO NOTE THAT US CONTACTS WITH GDR IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN SCHEDULED. MORE-OVER, GIVEN STATUS OF BERLIN, US WOULD NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WISH DISCUSS PLO OFFICE DIRECTLY WITH GDR. WE INTEND RAISE ISSUE WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH TO DETERMINE WHETHER APPROACH TO SOVIETS IN BERLIN WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE.

3. EBAN MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED TO LEARN OF SEPTEMBER 13

LETTER FROM HEAD OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN WEST BERLIN (GALINSKI) TO SED FIRST SECRETARY HONECKER IN WHICH GALINSKI CALLED ON HONECKER AS FORMER FELLOW VICTIM OF NAZI PERSECUTION TO CANCEL AGREEMENT TO ALLOW PLO TO FUNCTION IN EAST BERLIN. GALINSKI RELEASED LETTER TO PRESS SEPTEMBER 21. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM EBAN THAT ALLIES IN BERLIN HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH GALINSKI.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED WITH INTEREST EBAN'S INDICATION THAT GOI POSSESSES HARD INFORMATION" CONCERNING TRAINING OF ARAB TERRORISTS IN GDR. THIS WOULD PUT PLO OFFICE IN MUCH DIFFERENT CATEGORY THAN MERE DISTRIBUTION POINT FOR PLO PROPAGANDA AND SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO US AND FRG. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD AGAIN STRESS NEED TO MAKE INFO AVAILABLE THROUGH EXISTING CHANNELS. RUSH

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